(c) and (d) On the basis of proposals received from the concerned State Government, the ESI Corporation sanctions new ESI dispensaries/ hospitals as per norms and standard approved by the Corporation. There is no proposal from Government of Orissa pending with the ESI Corporation.

Setting up of model hospitals under ESI scheme

974. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to set up model hospitals in each State under the Employees State Insurance Scheme;

(b) if so, the details thereof, the likely revenue implication and the time schedule for establishing the proposed hospitals;

(c) whether Government would consider establishing more than one model hospital under the Scheme in the States with higher population density and size; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The ESI Corporation has decided to set up one Model Hospital in each State. Approximately a sum of Rs. 130 crore has been provided for these Hospitals. The Corporation has already taken over ESI Hospitals at Nacharam (AP), Ludhiana (Punjab), Jaipur (Rajasthan) and Chandigarh. The setting up of the remaining Model Hospitals is subject to consent of concerned State Governments.

(c) and (d) The Corporation for the present has decided to convert only one Hospital in each State for developing it into a Model Hospital.

E.P.F. contribution

975. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many companies particularly small and medium include their EPF contribution in the salary of employees thus forcing the employees to make contribution on behalf of the company;